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AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: R.V. Bladen Attorney Docket No.: ENGD121757  
Application No.: 10/804,573 Art Unit: 3679 / Confirmation No.: 7077  
Filed: March 18, 2004 Examiner: E. Garcia  
Title: CONNECTION ASSEMBLY APPARATUS AND METHOD

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

September 14, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	89	-	89	=	0	x	25	=	0
Independent Claims	11	-	11	=	0	x	100	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 14, 2006, set to expire on June 14, 2006, be extended by 3 months, to expire on September 14, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$510.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 172238 in the amount of \$510 to cover the request for extension of time.

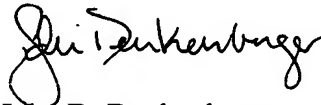
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D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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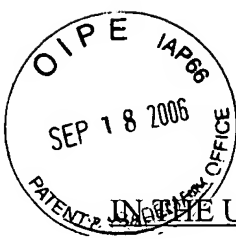
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AMENDMENT A

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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